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# the SEMI

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CONNECTING THE CAMPUS • CREATING DIALOGUE

## Breaking the Chains of Addiction

TESTIMONY BY AN ANONYMOUS FULLER STUDENT

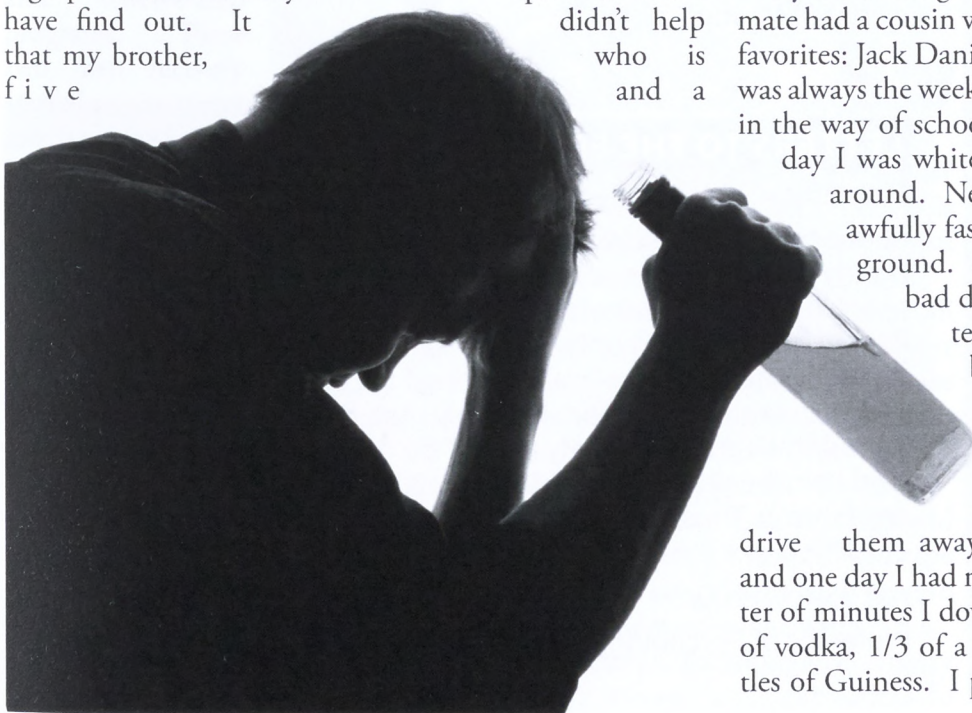
*I* never asked to be an alcoholic. Most who meet me probably wouldn't even guess that for most of my life I thought alcohol was my best friend.

I grew up in an alcoholic family, the disease found on both sides of my family. My dad was a functional alcoholic who held down a job and supported our family very well. Even though everything seemed fine, I knew something was not right because the only way he relaxed was to come home and drink. Quite often, I was able to get a few sips from him, and I would sneak sips regularly when he went to the bathroom. My first impression was that this strange liquid made my dad feel better. So, I thought, why couldn't it work for me? It turns out, it did! I would have a rough day at school and I'd sneak some drinks from the liquor cabinet. I would talk my way out of going out for family pizza night and spend most of the evening buzzed. I went out of my way to never be roaring drunk growing up because then my parents would have found out. It didn't help that my brother, who is five and a

half years my senior, took me to parties with his friends. Any alcohol that disappeared was blamed on him, so I was able to sneak through high school without them knowing.

My drinking actually distanced me from people in high school. I studied alone, I went home after school, I usually only engaged people in the various musical ensembles in which I played trombone. Being a trombone player, I had a spray bottle which is used to keep the slide moist so it could move. Vodka worked just as well, so I was able to sneak that around with me and spray it not only on the slide but in my mouth. Since vodka has no strong odor, my teachers never knew. My fellow students did, but the teachers did not.

By the time I got to college, all bets were off. My roommate had a cousin who was over 21, so I stocked up on my favorites: Jack Daniels, Southern Comfort and Guinness. I was always the weekend warrior, not letting the alcohol get in the way of schoolwork during the week. By Wednesday I was white-knuckling until Friday finally rolled around. Needless to say, Sunday seemed to come awfully fast. But sure enough, frequency gained ground. I'd drink for many reasons: good day/bad day; good rehearsal/bad rehearsal; good test/bad test; a girl smiled at me (double shots!). Through all of this I still maintained a 3.7 GPA. Until my last year. I had trouble in relationships with women; I was never able to get comfortable and would eventually drive them away. A relationship blew up in my face, and one day I had my own personal happy hour. In a matter of minutes I downed half a bottle of Jack, half a bottle of vodka, 1/3 of a bottle of schnapps, and a couple bottles of Guinness. I passed out onto my back and expelled



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Addiction.

What is your reaction to that word? What emotions does it conjure up?

However the word makes you feel, I'm sure you'll agree that addiction is powerful. In this issue of the SEMI and the next we're talking about addiction, but we're not talking about it in the way that you might expect from a seminary paper. Sure, there will be a few articles talking about recovery ministry and how to provide care for those in your churches who are struggling. However, the focus of these issues will be the reality that we are not immune from the human struggle with addiction.

I suspect most of us know the catchphrases used by recovery minis-

tries. We know that we're "not alone". We know that we should "get help". We know that, allegedly, "people care". We know all of those slogans, and I suspect that many of us believe they are true, for other people. As spiritual leaders it is easy to believe that they aren't true for us. We have convinced ourselves that we must be impervious to the allure of addiction, and thus we wage silent battles while projecting a façade of wholeness. We know no other way. It's nobody's fault, it's just the reality that we live in. The pressure to always be ok forces us to pretend that we always are.

This can be devastating.

It is our hope that if you are struggling with an addiction of any kind you can begin to find hope and healing through the stories of your fellow students. We want to make it known to everyone on campus that, in fact, you are not alone. We are a commu-

nity of broken people who cling to the cross together, and at the cross there is honesty, grace, and healing. You'll learn from this issue that there are support groups all over Los Angeles, including one comprised of Fuller students that meets here on campus, that are ready to walk with you towards healing. More importantly, I hope that whatever pressure you feel to maintain a façade will melt away, and you can begin to let Fuller be a safe place where you can be honest with yourself, honest with the people around you, and honest with God about your struggles and your need for grace. **S**

-Brian Kiley,  
SEMI Editor



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### DISCLAIMER

In general, it is the SEMI's policy not to publish anonymous articles. However, given the importance of anonymity in the Twelve Step process, we have published two anonymous student testimonies in this issue, and will publish more next week. The identities of the authors have been made known to the SEMI staff.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor:

Kudos to Kevin Panicker for his fine essay regarding laptop use. He rightly framed the issue in terms of love, worship, civility, and respect. In addition, research has shown that "multitasking" is a myth. People can generally only do one thing requiring concentration at a time, so when they are "multitasking," they are actually doing many things in rapid succession. Not only that, those who are more likely to multitask are more likely to NOT be good at doing so ([www.cleveland.com/healthfit/index.ssf/2009/10/study\\_of\\_media\\_multitaskers\\_fi.html](http://www.cleveland.com/healthfit/index.ssf/2009/10/study_of_media_multitaskers_fi.html)). Thus, it is also in our best self-interest to try and focus on one thing at a time. Apparently, that is how God designed us.

Jeff Bjorck, Ph.D.

Professor of Psychology



## A Step Further: Learning to 'Twelfth-Step'

By ELIJAH DAVIDSON

First, admit you are powerless to save yourself. Then, turn your will over to God, confess your sins, repent, accept forgiveness, love others, and take the hope you have found to others who need it, too.

This is the core of the Twelve Steps, the recovery program of groups like Alcoholics, Narcotics, and Gamblers Anonymous, but it just sounds like being a Christian to me.

A week ago, I knew very little about recovery ministry or twelve-step programs. I had a cousin who was involved in a twelve-step program years ago, but I was young, and I didn't really know how to relate to him. I wish I had. I wish I had possessed the wherewithal then to learn from him or from someone else what I've learned this week. Perhaps I could have loved my cousin better if I had.

This week, I had the honor of talking with two friends of mine, Ryan and Steve, about recovery ministry and twelve-step programs. These two men recently started a recovery group at my church, Oasis Pasadena, and I knew they could enlighten me on what recovery ministry is all about. You see, Ryan and Steve have each had extensive experience with recovery ministries, because they are in recovery themselves, and the group they have started is their way of sharing the hope they have with others.

"In meetings they refer to it as 'Twelfth-stepping,'" Steve says, "Twelfth-stepping is just any sort of service to others in the recovery community."

Twelfth-stepping can include driving others to meetings, telling

others about meetings, or being someone's sponsor. Sponsors are people in recovery who have worked through all twelve steps, who have been sober for at least a year, and who are willing to personally help another person go through the steps.

Ryan and Steve are taking their twelfth step a step further.

"What we're doing is reinserting Christ into the Twelve Step process," Ryan says, "Twelve-step programs

complete, while others, like turning one's will over to a higher power, are a daily discipline. All of the steps are best practiced in community.

"The stats are bleak," Ryan says, "A low percentage of addicts get clean and stay clean. This is an area where the Church must be involved."

And Ryan and Steve, as recovering addicts, are proof that recovery is possible. The group that they have started is the evidence of their faith that with Christ, recovery is possible for others as well.

If I could, I would have you sit down with Ryan and Steve and hear their stories directly from them. Then you could hear the conviction in their voices. You could see the hope in their eyes. Recovery wouldn't be a term on a page, a topic to study, or a program to implement. In Ryan and Steve, recovery takes on flesh and blood. In shaking their hands, you shake recovery's hand and feel recovery's strength, and it all starts with admitting you are powerless.

If you are also in recovery from any addiction, Ryan and Steve would be glad for you to join their group. It meets every Sunday evening from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. in the Oasis Pasadena office in front of the Ice House comedy club at 26 N Mentor Ave, Pasadena. The group is Christ-centered, closed to those without addictions, confidential, and anonymous. **S**



include a vague reference to a 'higher power.' We're saying that power is Christ, because that's where the real hope of recovery lies."

Twelve-step meetings take all forms, from small group support meetings to three hundred-person celebrations of sobriety. The group Ryan and Steve have started is a twelve-step study group.

"Each week we look at a step and talk about what's involved with the step," Steve says, "Then you have to work on them on your own."

Some steps, like taking an inventory of past wrongs, can take weeks to

Elijah Davidson (2nd yr MAWTA) feels compelled to credit that line in the first paragraph about the Twelve Steps sounding like being a Christian to his friend David Carr.





# Doing Recovery Ministry

BY DALE RYAN

Recovery ministry has a lot in common with any other kind of ministry. It's challenging, rewarding, it requires a lot of creativity and it requires us to dig deeply into our reserves of theological and biblical resources. The particular combination of these resources that are most helpful in recovery ministry, however, can be quite unique.

Understanding addiction and designing helpful pastoral responses requires deep reflection on the theological meaning and ethical significance of impaired volition. Understanding abuse and designing helpful pastoral responses requires a particular kind of reflection on the nature of evil and the purposes of God in the context of personal harm. I could offer a list of such theological issues, but I thought it might be more helpful to offer a couple of case studies that hint at some of the theological complexity of recovery ministry.

## Case Study #1: The limitations of the tragic

During his final year at seminary Joe signed up for Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE) and was

assigned to work as a chaplain in a hospital Emergency Room. Anticipating the CPE experience had created some anxiety for Joe. His expectation was that he would encounter many people struggling with unavoidable, tragic losses—accidents, heart attacks etc. In preparation he reviewed everything he could find from his seminary classes

that related to Christian understandings of the tragic. Over the course of several months, however, Joe noticed that a fairly large percentage of the people who showed up in the ER were not struggling with the unavoidable, tragic losses that he had anticipated. They were instead afflicted by what seemed to be completely avoidable and unnecessary suffering. Cases involving domestic violence were perhaps the most obvious to him. They did not seem at all like the tragedies he had expected. They seemed more like atrocities. Tragedies happen to people, he thought, but someone does an atrocity—there is a moral agent who is responsible for the suffering. Unfortunately when he mentally

scrolled through his theological tool-kit he found very few resources for understanding this kind of suffering. To make matters worse, he found himself increasingly angry in conversations with people whose suffering seemed both avoidable and unnecessary. He was angry with the people who had done the harm but he was also angry with the people

who had been harmed. In spite of his best efforts, many suffering people in the ER chose to return to a violent relationship. He wondered why he felt so poorly prepared to function in situations involving problems as common as domestic violence.

What do you think about Joe's anger? Is it an unavoidable part of this kind of ministry? Is it an inarticulate expression of his commitment to justice and righteousness? Is it a defensive gesture to protect him from the fear that he does not know how to be helpful in these situations? What advice would you offer him?

What is it about avoidable suffering that makes it more complicated than unavoidable suffering? Do you feel better prepared to help people who have been injured in an auto accident than people who self-harm? Why?

What theological and/or biblical resources do you think would be most useful in situations involving unnecessary suffering?

## Case Study #2: The failure of the successful church

Imagine for a moment that you have successfully completed an MDiv at Fuller and that, after a few years in Associate Pastor positions, you are now the Senior Pastor at a large and growing megachurch in a suburban community. The church is well known for the exceptionally high production values of its worship services and the diversity of activities available for adolescents. It has worked hard to present the Christian life as positive, up-beat and affirming. Now imagine that Mary—a friend from college who you remember as being hostile to faith and well on her way to becoming an alcoholic—calls you and says her family has recently moved

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## ASC Emergency Assistance Fun(d)

BY PETER GENT, VICE PRESIDENT FOR STUDENT LIFE

### A hypothetical situation for you:

*You're starting your year at Fuller, thrilled to be in Southern California and enjoying the fall weather. Or you were. You just got a call from your parents; the economic downturn has hit home. They can't send you your monthly check for housing. While talking about this on your cell phone and driving home on the 210 freeway (an illegal activity, I might point out, without a headset) your car stalls and won't restart. You manage to get home safely with help from a tow truck, but when you check your mail before heading inside to crash on the couch and cry yourself to sleep, it is only to get a very large bill for your recent dental work, which could have been avoided if only you had gotten your teeth checked in the last ten years. Your throat feels sore, your nose is starting to run, and your body is aching—great, you are now shedding human swine flu—and you still have to study for your first gospels exam.*

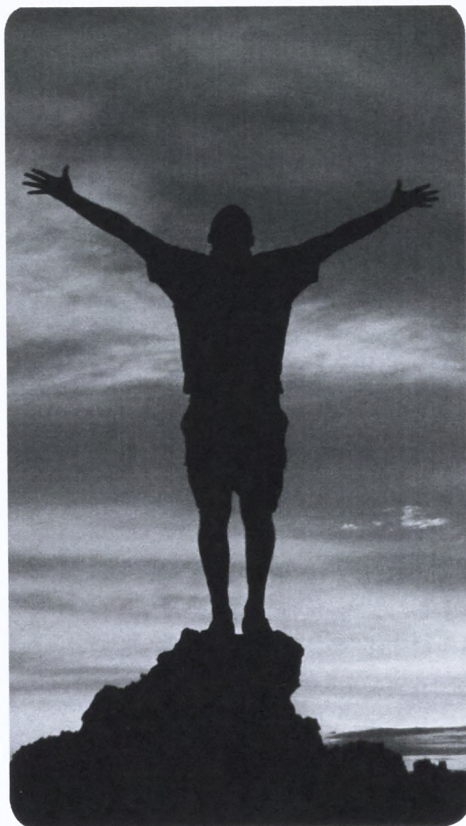
Before you spend another sleepless night thinking about subsisting on only bread and water and wondering how to pay rent so you don't sleep on the streets for the next five months, you seem to recall something about an Emergency Assistance Fund...

For cases like the above, the Grant-in-Aid Emergency Assistance Fund is provided by the ASC. If you have an unexpected and significant crisis situation, the ASC can provide monetary support up to \$500 to help you get through the emergency. Stop by the ASC office on the first floor of the Catalyst to learn more or pick up an application form. Fine print and other limitations apply. **S**

into your community. You invite her to come to church and she agrees. After the service you inquire about her experience. Mary says, "This is the nicest church I have seen in my entire life. Everything is so perfect. It's just amazing. It must be wonderful to be a part of this church." You, noting mentally that God seems to have done something quite remarkable in your friend's life, ask her if she would like to come back the following week. She responds, "Oh no. There is no way I can come here. I mean, thanks. I would love to but, where did these people go before they came here? There must be a remedial church somewhere for people like me. Everything is perfect here, which is just the opposite of everything else in my life. My spouse is only 30 days sober; my children are out of control. Where can I go to become the kind of person who will someday feel comfortable here? That's the kind of church I need."

Why do you think that people like Mary would conclude that your church is a nice place to be a Christian but not necessarily a helpful place for people who want to become one? Do you think Mary accurately received a message that your church, no doubt unintentionally, sends to visitors? Or did Mary just get it all wrong?

Is your church full of people whose faith has had such a positive impact on their lives that they can only identify



with people like Mary by reference to struggles they experienced a long time ago? Or is your church actually full of lots of people who struggle just like Mary but who work very hard when at church to appear that they are not

struggling?

What, if anything, do you think could be done to communicate a different message to the "Marys" in your community—people who really want to be a part of the Christian community but who figure out fairly quickly that it is not designed with their needs in mind?

The Christian community has the potential to be profoundly helpful to those of us who struggle with unnecessary suffering, with impaired volition and other problems that lead to unmanageable lives. The extent to which this potential is fulfilled will depend, in part, on our willingness to take seriously the complicated theological issues that emerge in the actual doing of ministry. May God grant you the serenity, the courage, and the wisdom you need today. **S**

Dr. Dale Ryan serves as the director of the Fuller Institute for Recovery Ministry.





## The Pain of Addiction in the Family

TESTIMONY BY AN ANONYMOUS FULLER STUDENT

It was two days before my rescue.

It was ten days before his greatest failure.

It was the first day of the truth. Well, at least the beginning of it.

When I was in junior high I started keeping a journal. One night I wrote, "I think my dad is an alcoholic." But that was a deep, dark secret. What if other people found out? He was a great dad, mostly, and they would start to think poorly of him. Since he was so successful in business and at church, and since he was running for the school board, I didn't want to taint his reputation with this thing that might not even be true. So I kept it a secret.

Slowly it began to eat me alive. It was as if I was neck-deep in water, about to go under because of the swirling weight of secrecy. Slowly I was dying.

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abnormal; in my case, I was pretty sure it was normal. I had parents who loved me and provided for me financially. I had it really good. Certainly I wasn't dying inside.

Yet things had gotten progressively worse. When I started college I was a teetotaler. I wasn't interested in drinking, so I was frequently the designated driver. Slowly I began to "loosen up a bit" and started recreationally drinking and dating. I didn't make any choices that my friends weren't already making and I was considered the innocent one of my group. But the emptiness inside of me was growing greater and vaster.

Upon graduation I realized I had earned a degree that I hated. I had done it all just to please my parents. I could not bring myself to get a job in the business world so

I moved back home. I started dating and we got serious, yet we continued to be on and off for a year and a half. What I did not realize at the time was that I was using this relationship to run away from my family and my own feelings. It was a shoddy attempt

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information of  
Twelve Step  
Fellowships in  
the Los Angeles  
Area



## Breaking the Chains

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while on my back. There should be a tombstone somewhere.

But there isn't.

I realize now this was divine intervention. Apparently, God was not done with me on earth. You'd think this would scare me straight, but it didn't. Three days later, I was back in the liquor section looking for more whiskey. One night, while passed out, one of my roommates searched my room, found a bottle of whiskey, dumped it, and took my driver's license. Some friends took me out to dinner and called my campus minister. He presented me with three options: go home and continue till I die, go in voluntarily to rehab, or be forced in by an agency. I chose to go in, because he caught me right

between the eyes and caught me at a time when I was most sick with the cycle. I was in rehab for three weeks and when I came out, I was scared. How could I live without drinking? I was only 22 and people were saying I couldn't drink for the rest of my life. Within four months, I convinced myself I wasn't as "bad" as the rest of the people in Alcoholics Anonymous and I returned to drinking. I saw

older people who had done things I never did. I was a college graduate, I never had a DUI, I never lost my license,

and never lost a job. How could I be an alcoholic?

The next eight months convinced me. Once I started, I didn't know when I would stop. It affected my relationships and it consumed my thinking. After a particularly harrowing New Year's Eve experience where a

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to put a band-aid over a gaping wound. Finally, at the end, we broke up. And I was devastated.

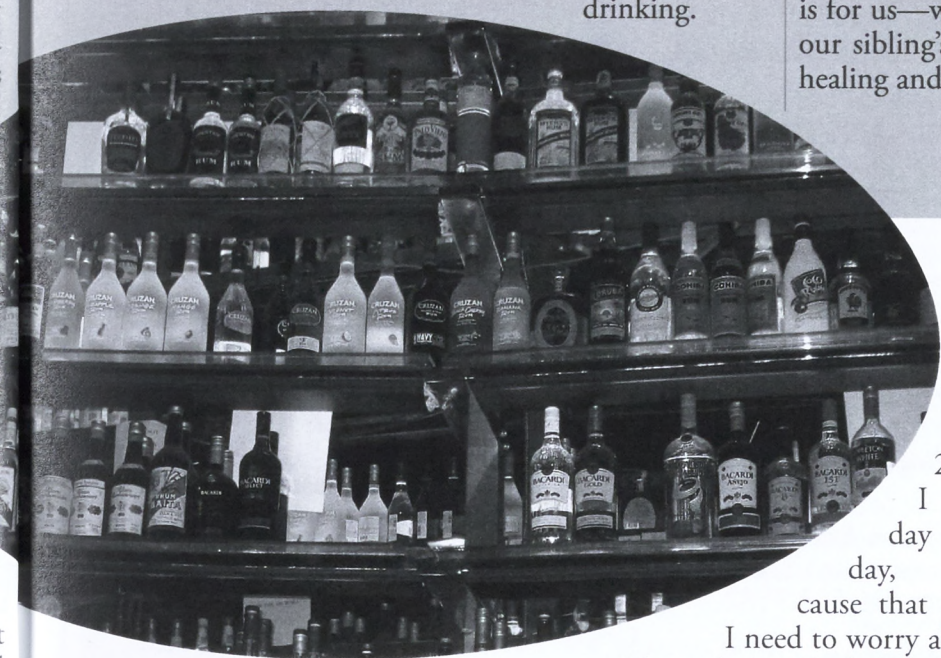
Two days before I was rescued was the first day I told the truth. I finally confessed to him the depression I felt inside. My rescue came when I sat down with his parents and confessed to them. His mom asked me point blank if I thought my father was an alcoholic. Finally, I told her. And then she pulled me out of the drowning water and gave me hope. She said that I was probably depressed because of trying to secretly deal with my family issues and all of the emotions that came with it. I began to get counseling and I got educated on alcoholism and children of alcoholics. I learned that my dad didn't want to be an alcoholic but he didn't know how to stop. While my life had become unmanageable because of his alcoholism, his life too had become unmanageable by his drinking.

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Ten days after I had this conversation with my ex-boyfriend's mom, my dad got arrested for his second DUI. He totaled his car into the back of a tractor trailer and was put into the police car in front of me. When I picked him up at the station a few hours later he sobbed in my arms. At this moment I felt the strong presence of Jesus holding us both.

While I do not enjoy being a parent to my dad, I know that this isn't easy for any of us. I have taken responsibility for myself and started working on my depression, my feelings, and my issues. There is a better way.

If you are carrying the heavy burden of addiction in your family please seek help. You don't have to live like that. The recovery group at Fuller is for us—we who have been affected by our parent's or our sibling's or any loved one's addiction. Join me in healing and freedom! **S**



friend forced me to sleep off a wild night (I was trying to leave with my jacket on backwards, two different shoes which weren't even mine, and a cup of rum and coke), I finally saw what God had been trying to show me the whole time: He's not in the bottle. And that was my last drink.

I have been sober since January 2,

2001. I live day to day, because that is all I need to worry about. Through the Alcoholics Anonymous program, I have found Jesus Christ as my Higher Power who takes my desire to drink away. I share my story in the hopes that someone may see that it is possible to live without the compulsion or the desire to drink destructively. One does not have to be the homeless, smelly stereotype on the street. Alcoholism makes no

differentiation and takes no prisoners. You can be male, female, white, African-American, Asian, Christian, Muslim, Jewish, rich, poor, middle-class, gay, or straight. If you breathe, addiction can come gunning for you. But you need not be alone, nor ashamed. Being an alcoholic and asking for help is the first step towards an amazing freedom, a freedom to be who God wants you to be. Yet, I am always one drink away from spiraling back to where I was. But with God's grace, Christ's love, and the strength of the Spirit, I don't have to. **S**



# Twelve Step Fellowships in the Los Angeles Area



## VARIOUS ADDICTIONS

**Overcomers Outreach**  
Fuller Seminary Prayer Room  
2nd floor Kreyssler Hall  
Tuesday 10:00 a.m.  
Contact: Cathy Kelley:  
ac-apoadjunct@fuller.edu or  
Stacey Schwenker: schwen-  
kieone@gmail.com

**Celebrate Recovery**  
www.celebraterecovery.com  
Local Group Locations:  
Pasadena Church of God  
404 E. Washington Blvd.,  
Pasadena  
626.794.2951  
Friday 7:00p.m. -9:00p.m.

Bel Air Presbyterian Church  
16221 Mulholland Drive,  
Los Angeles  
Friday 7:30p.m.-9:00p.m.

C C Church  
2828 W. Jefferson Blvd. A, Los  
Angeles  
323.298.4755  
Monday 7:00p.m. -9:00 p.m.

Concord Church  
2828 West Jefferson Blvd.,  
Los Angeles  
323.298.4755  
Monday 7:00p.m.-9:00p.m.

Eagle Rock SDA Church  
2322 Merton Avenue, Los Angeles  
323.257.5803  
Saturday 6:00p.m.-10:00p.m.

## ALCOHOLISM/DRUG ADDICTION

**Alcoholics Anonymous**  
www.lacaaa.org  
L.A. Central Office  
4311 Wilshire Blvd. #104  
Los Angeles  
323.936.4343  
323.936.8729 (f)

**Narcotics Anonymous**  
www.todayna.org  
Regional Helpline Numbers  
English: 800.TODAYNA  
Espanol: 888.NAAHORA

**Cocaine Anonymous**  
www.ca4la.org  
9100 Sepulveda Blvd. #216  
Los Angeles  
310. 216.7729  
310.216.4444 (Hotline)

**Crystal Meth Anonymous**  
www.pacificareacma.com  
8721 Santa Monica Blvd. #43  
Los Angeles

**Marijuana Anonymous**  
www.marijuana-anonymous.org  
Phone: 626.583.9582

## SEX ADDICTION

**Sexaholics Anonymous**  
Southern California Area  
Intergroup (SCAI)  
www.sasocal.org

**Sex Addicts Anonymous**  
www.sexaa.org

**Sexual Compulsives Anonymous**  
www.sca-recovery.org  
Los Angeles 310.859.5585  
Los Angeles Español  
213.368.4814

**Sex and Love Addicts  
Anonymous**  
LA Area Intergroup  
www.slaalosangeles.org  
323.957.4881

## FAMILY RESOURCES

**ALANON Family Groups**  
www.alanonla.org  
4936 Lankershim Blvd.  
North Hollywood  
Monday-Friday  
9:00 a.m. - 5:00p.m.  
818.760.7122  
818.760.7440 (f)

**Codependents Anonymous**  
www.lacoda.org  
Phone: 323.969.4995  
24-Hour Automated Meeting  
Information and Message Line  
**Adult Children of Alcoholics**  
adultchildren.org  
Phone: 310.534.1815 (message  
only)

## GAMBLING ADDICTION

**Gamblers Anonymous**  
www.gamblersanonymous.org  
213.386.8789  
213.386.0030 (f)



## COFFEE with Chuck

## Categorized Best Coffee Shops

By CHUCK NORTON

The coffee question I'm asked most frequently is, without a doubt, "What are your favorite coffee shops?" It's a good question. The truth is, there are many good ones if you don't mind traffic, and enough local bad ones that will make you want to fight traffic to get away. Picking a great coffee shop depends a lot on what you are looking for, so here are five categories of coffee shop recommendations:

### 1) Great Coffee, with free internet, within 15 miles of Fuller.

**Cafe De Leche:** 5000 York Blvd, Los Angeles. CafeDeLeche.net

**Fix Coffee:** 2100 Echo Park Ave, Los Angeles. FixCoffeeCo.com

**Intelligentsia Coffee & Tea:** 3922 W Sunset Blvd, Los Angeles. IntelligentsiaCoffee.com

**Jones Coffee Roasters:** 537 S Raymond Ave, Pasadena. TheBestCoffee.com

### 2) Working Late, with free internet, within 15 miles of Fuller.

**Bean Town:** 45 N Baldwin Ave, Sierra Madre. 5:30am-10pm BeanTownCoffeeBar.com

**Bourgeois Pig:** 5931 Franklin Ave, Los Angeles. 9am - 2am

**Monrovia Coffee Company:** 425 S Myrtle Ave Monrovia. Open until 11pm

**Swork Coffee:** 2160 Colorado Blvd. Eagle Rock. 6am - 10pm. Swork.com

### 3) Working while eating, with free internet, within 15 miles of Fuller.

**Aux Delices French Bakery:** 16 W Colorado Blvd, Pasadena. AuxDelicesPasadena.com

**Cha for Tea:** 16 E Main St, Alhambra. Great food, amazing boba teas.

**Lovebirds Cafe & Bakery:** 921 E Colorado Blvd, Pasadena. Avoid 12-1pm. LoveBirdsCafe.com

**Panera Bread:** 3521 E Foothill Blvd. Great everything. PaneraBread.com

### 4) Don't Need Coffee, just need to get out of the house, within 15 miles of Fuller.



**Kaldi Coffee and Tea:** 1019 El Centro St. Pasadena. Free internet. Unreliable service.

**Sabor Y Cultura:** 716 E Colorado Blvd, Pasadena. Free internet, Plenty of seating.

**The Coffee Gallery:** 2029 Lake Ave Altadena. Great breakfasts FunkyLittle-CoffeeHouse.com

**Zephyr:** 2419 E Colorado Blvd, Pasadena. Lots of rooms. Feels like a hippie joint from the 70s.

**5) Great Coffee, worth the drive (more than 15 miles from Fuller)**

**Coffee Klatch:** 806 W Arrow Hwy # A, San Dimas. KlatchRoasting.com

**Groundworks Coffee Co:** 108 W 2nd St # 107 Los Angeles. More loca-

tions. LACoffee.com

**Intelligentsia Coffee & Tea:** 1331 Abbot Kinney Blvd, Venice. No internet. Unique & worth a visit.

**Urth Caffe:** 8565 Melrose Avenue West Hollywood. More locations. UrthCaffe.com

Notes: First, I cannot guarantee a 'great' experience anywhere. Also, hours and other info could be inaccurate. Check online or call to be sure. There is also a great coffee shop called Coffee-By-The-Books, which has really good coffee. It is a great convenience to Fuller students, but with no internet or plugs, its not the best place if you're looking to stay awhile.

Go to COFFEEwithChuck.NET for full coffee shop reviews, to comment on this article, and to request future article topics. **S**

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# A LOOK AT BOOKS

Welcome to the first bookstore column! In this bi-weekly column we will be discussing new books, the world of books, and other book related ideas that we think would be of interest to Fuller students.

We currently have several faculty titles on sale at 40% off the retail price. The sale titles are displayed in the window along the Oakland side of the store (limited to stock on hand):

Chap Clark & Kara Powel, *Deep Justice in a Broken World: Helping Your Kids Serve Others & Right the Wrongs Around Them*

Chap Clark, *Hurt: Inside the World of Today's Teenagers*

John Goldingay, *Psalms* (three volume set)

Eddie Gibbs, *Churchmorph: How Megatrends Are Reshaping Christian Communities*

Eddie Gibbs and Ryan Bolger, *Emerging Churches: Creating Christian Community in Postmodern Cultures*

Joel B. Green, *Body, Soul, and Human Life: The Nature of Humanity in the Bible*

The bookstore also buys and sells used books. Used copies are priced at about half the current retail price (if clean and unmarked) and shelved in their respective sections. We've now added a 'recently acquired' used section near the front of the store, where we'll shelve used books as they come in so that recently acquired used titles can be perused easily.

Our fair trade section continues to grow as we find new products and suppliers. We carry a wide range of 'products with a story' that are hand-made by people in Central America, India, Southeast Asia and other areas who are simply trying to earn a living wage. If you're part of a church or community that would be interested in hosting a table (often popular in the fall as alternative Christmas markets) please contact Susan Dow at the bookstore (626.584.5353 or [sdow@fuller.edu](mailto:sdow@fuller.edu)).



Your book-buying choices make a difference, so make sure you support your local bookstores when making your purchases! **S**

We were saddened to learn last week that the Lighthouse Christian Bookstore on Lake Avenue was closing after several decades in business. For those who are unaware of the drastic changes taking place in the book industry, over half the independently owned bookstores in the United States have closed in the last decade, and an even higher percentage of Christian bookstores have experienced that fate.

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### Got Paper to Write? Help is Here!

Come to a WRITING WORKSHOP and gain the tools you need to be a more successful writer.

#### Composition Workshop

How to develop a strong thesis statement, form coherent paragraphs, and use supporting evidence appropriately?

Friday, November 6, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

#### Theological Research Workshop

How to navigate the maze of scholarship to discover and interact with the resource you need for your research papers?

Friday, November 13, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

All fall workshops are held in Psychology Building 314. Come to one or both of them, and you'll walk away with some tools to make tackling those mammoth papers more possible. No RSVP necessary.

Each workshop costs \$5 that includes a packet of helpful materials.

Question? Contact [mike.kibbe@hotmail.com](mailto:mike.kibbe@hotmail.com)

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

### FULLER SEMINARY BLOOD DRIVE



October 28, 2009

10a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Payton 101



For Appointment: 626.397.5796 or [jackie.baca-geary@huntingtonhospital.com](mailto:jackie.baca-geary@huntingtonhospital.com)

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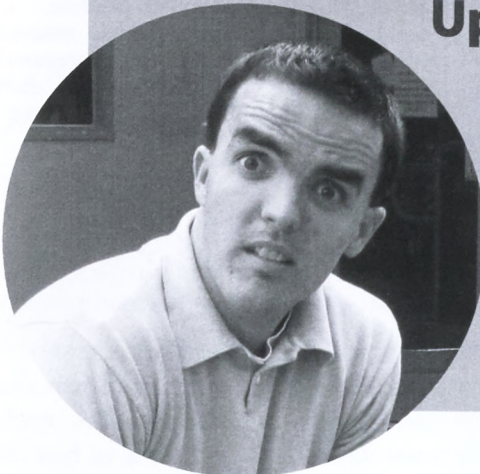
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## Upcoming issue topics:

- Asian-American Perspectives on Theological Education
- Afghanistan, Health Care, and the Economy
- Reflections on Advent
- Subverting Christmas Consumerism

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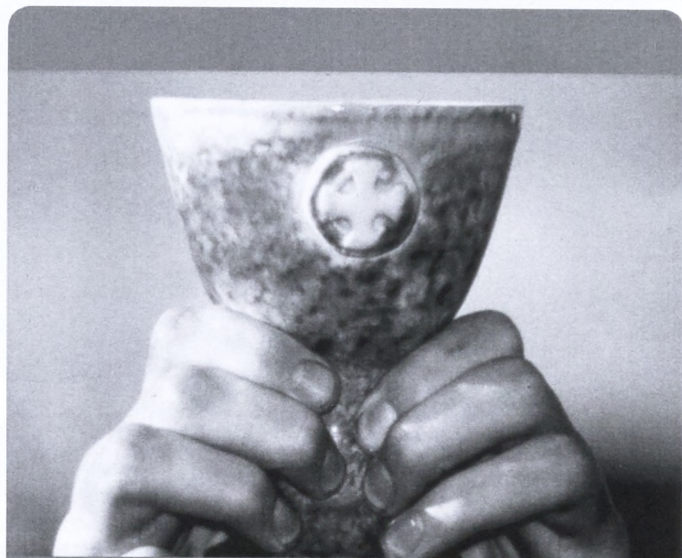
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### ANNOUNCEMENT



## ALL SEMINARY CHAPEL

**JESUS, THE TABLE, AND POWER**

*Mark Labberton, Associate Professor of Preaching*

**OCTOBER 28, 2009**

**10AM**

**TRAVIS AUDITORIUM**



## FULLER HAPPENINGS

**TICKETS TO AMUSEMENT PARKS** Student Life and Services sells discounted tickets to Disneyland (1 day, 1 park: \$66 adults, \$58 child), LegoLand (2 day: \$45), SeaWorld (2 day: \$53 adult, \$47 child) and Universal Studios (1 day: \$49, annual pass: \$68). Purchase your tickets (cash or check only) at our office on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Kreyssler Hall( above the Catalyst). For more info, call 626.584.5435.

**IS YOUR HUSBAND A NEW STUDENT AT FULLER?** All student wives are invited to join SUPPORT, the Bible study, prayer and fellowship group just for you! SUPPORT has two distinct meeting times, so choose the one that is best for you or come try both:

*Wednesday Mornings, 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
Pasadena Presbyterian Church, 3rd floor.  
(Corner of Colorado Blvd. and Madison Ave.)* Childcare is provided for children 0-5 years.

-or-

*Thursday Evenings, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Chang Commons. Fuller housing complex on N. Madison. Theme Room 2. (Enter from the Oakland side, through the tot lot.)* No childcare provided. For more information contact: Heather Henry at 415.497.9194. heatherhenry44@yahoo.com.

**BECOMING A NEW STUDENT GROUP** If you would like to apply to have your group recognized and funded as an official Fuller Student Group for the 2010 Winter & Spring quar-

ters, please pick up an application at the office of Student Life & Services (second floor of Kreyssler Hall, above the Catalyst.) Application deadline is November 13, 2009. Call or email Matthew Talley for more information: 626.584.5435 sls-office@fuller.edu.

### CHINESE STUDENT FELLOWSHIP (CSF)

*10a.m.-11a.m., Thursdays in the International Students Concerns Committee Room (above the ISO Food Bank garage, behind Taylor Hall.)* For more info, contact Teng-Kuan Ng at tengkuan\_ng@fuller.edu.

### Ministry Enrichment Seminars from Field Education

Contact: Parimal Roy  
626.584.5595, fe-advisor2@fuller.edu

### Spiritual Formation, Sexuality and Ministry

**Presenter:** CissyBrady-Rogers, LMFT,  
Spiritual Director, Adjunct Professor at the  
Graduate School of Psychology at Azusa  
Pacific University

**Time:** Tuesday, October 27

**1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**Place:** Payton 101

## SERVICES

**MOUNTAIN RETREAT** Beautiful country-style cabin, 2 bedrooms (limit- 6 persons), located in the Big Bear area, exclusively available to the Fuller community only. Rates: \$175 per weekend; \$425 per week; \$65 weekdays. Non-refundable deposit required. **Contact John Hull at 626.862.1661.**

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## ANNOUNCEMENT

# "Living Out the Gospel" An Asian American Equipping Sympo-

Symposium includes  
**Asian American  
Leadership Banquet**  
Tournament of Roses  
House/ Wrigley Mansion  
6 p.m., November 2



**RSVP required**  
Regular Registration: \$40  
Student Registration: \$10  
Lunch and dinner included  
(On-site registration  
accepted with \$10 late fee)

Hosted by: **Richard Mouw**      Featuring: **Jonathan Tran**  
9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. November 2  
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. November 3  
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